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January 31, 2006

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**ACCEPTANCE OF PUBLIC WORKS CONTRACTS  
ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS  
3 VOTES**

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:**

Ratify changes in work and accept completed contract work under the following construction contracts:

Project ID No. FCC0000068 - Little Dalton Debris Basin Seismic Strengthening and Spillway Bridge, City of Glendora (5), Griffith Company, with changes amounting to a credit of \$1,004.42, and a final contract amount of \$1,064,667.34 (Partial).

Project ID No. FCC0000396 - Dominguer Drain and Pump Station, City of Carson (2), Colich Construction, with changes amounting to a credit of \$46,357.66, and a final contract amount of \$5,554,596.81 (Partial).

Project ID No. GME0000005 - Retrofit/Replacement of Underground Storage Tanks and Fuel Facilities, Group 5, vicinities of Agoura, Whittier, Pico Rivera, Malibu, Lake Hughes, Monrovia, Lancaster, Montebello, Littlerock, Los Angeles, La Verne, Compton, El Monte, Glendora, Mount Wilson, La Puente, and Hawthorne (All), Geo-Cal, Inc., with changes in the amount of \$268.04, and a final contract amount of \$2,183,518.59.

### **PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

This action is to obtain Board ratification of Director-approved changes in public works contracts and Board acceptance of the work of the contracts in compliance with the provisions of the Public Contract Code. Included in the enclosures are project and contract data, the scope of work of changes to be ratified, and the work of the contracts to be accepted.

The Director of Public Works has been authorized by your Board to order changes in work up to \$10,000 for construction contracts. Changes to accommodate field conditions in order to meet the intent of the plans and specifications are not subject to this monetary limitation. Enclosed for your ratification are changes in work which I ordered for Project ID Nos. FCC0000068, FCC0000396, and GME0000005.

The projects have been completed, and it is recommended that your Board accept them on the dates indicated in the enclosures.

### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

The acceptance of these construction contracts is consistent with the County Strategic Plan Goal of Service Excellence since the construction of these projects provide improved infrastructure to better serve the public.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

The modifications to the contract amounts range in value from a credit of \$46,357.66 to an increase in the amount of \$268.04, while the total values of the contracts range from \$1,064,667.34 to \$5,554,596.81.

Ratification of the changes in work and acceptance of the work of the respective contracts by your Board is in compliance with the acceptance and prompt payment provisions of the Public Contract Code.

Sufficient funds are available in the Board-approved appropriations for each of the respective projects to cover the costs of the changes and the total value of each of the contracts. Detailed cost breakdowns for each of the changes together with contract cost summaries are included in the enclosures.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

Each of these contracts for the construction of public works improvements was awarded by your Board to the lowest responsible bidder in accordance with the California Public Contract Code, your Board's directives, and as recommended by the Director of Public Works.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

The changes in the work as described above and in the enclosures are within the limits of the Board-approved projects and do not change any conditions which resulted in the original environmental findings.

### **CONTRACTING PROCESS**

Each contract provided that the contractor be compensated for changes in the work as a result of changes to the original plans and specifications or changed conditions encountered during the course of construction. The costs of each of the changes were based on contract unit prices, time and materials, or were negotiated under the provisions of the contract specifications. The methods for arriving at the final costs of the changes are included in the enclosures.

### **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

Ratification of the requested changes and acceptance of the work of the contracts by your Board will ensure the timely closeout of the respective contracts, releasing Departmental and County assets for other construction-related activities.

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**CONCLUSION**

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to Public Works.

Respectfully submitted,

DONALD L. WOLFE  
Director of Public Works

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cc: Chief Administrative Office  
County Counsel  
Office of Affirmative Action Compliance

ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT (PARTIAL)  
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PROJECT ID NO. FCC0000068, LITTLE DALTON DEBRIS BASIN SEISMIC  
STRENGTHENING AND SPILLWAY BRIDGE (City of Glendora),  
Supervisory District 5

Contractor: Griffith Company, 12200 Bloomfield Avenue, Santa Fe Springs,  
California 90670-4742

Project Description:

Seismic strengthening of an existing reinforced concrete spillway and outlet tower, construction of a reinforced concrete bridge with prestressed girders to span the spillway at the dam crest, and other appurtenant work.

Changes In Work:

Variations in Bid Quantities (\$1,004.42)

Description of Changes:

The original contract amount is based upon estimated quantities of the various bid items. The contractor is paid based upon actual quantities used. The decrease in contract price reflects the net adjustment due to variations between estimated bid quantities and actual quantities. The costs for these changes were based on contract unit prices.

Project Completion Date:

The contractor completed the project on September 16, 2005, in accordance with the plans and specifications. The delay in forwarding this letter to your Board was due to the length of time required for the contractor to furnish the documentation necessary to close out the contract.

In addition, the contractor has not yet complied with the Affirmative Action reporting requirements of the contract. To assure compliance, \$2,600.00 is being withheld from the value of the contract. We recommend that all retention be released with the exception of the \$2,600.00. Upon resolution of the reporting requirements, we will return to your Board with our recommendation for final acceptance of the contract.

Final Contract Amount:

Original contract amount	\$1,026,283.00
Actual cost of changes in work previously approved by the Board	41,988.76
Changes in work authorized by the Director of Public Works	(1,004.42)
Deduction for Affirmative Action noncompliance	<u>(2,600.00)</u>
AMOUNT DUE CONTRACTOR AT THIS TIME	<u>\$1,064,667.34</u>

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ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT (PARTIAL)  
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PROJECT ID NO. FCC0000396, DOMINGER DRAIN AND PUMP STATION  
(City of Carson), Supervisorial District 2

Contractor: Colich Construction, 1590 Francisco Street, Torrance, California 90501

Project Description:

Construction of reinforced pipe storm drain system, a pump station, and outlet works to an existing flood control channel.

Changes in Work:

(1) Variations in Bid Quantities	(\$70,455.00)
(2) Remove and Replace Cross Gutter	5,269.22
(3) Construct Sidewalk	4,522.14
(4) Additional Rubberized Emulsion	12,734.00
(5) Install Battery Switch	<u>1,571.98</u>
Total	(\$ <u>46,357.66</u> )

Description of Changes:

(1) The original contract amount is based upon estimated quantities of the various bid items. The contractor is paid based upon actual quantities used. The decrease in contract price reflects the net adjustment due to variations between estimated bid quantities and actual quantities.

(2) In order to ensure proper drainage at the intersection of Torrance Boulevard and Jamison Street, it was necessary to replace the existing cross gutter to correct the slope. This work was not shown on the plans.

(3) To meet the existing field conditions, it was necessary to install a concrete sidewalk. This work was not shown on the plans.

(4) The actual quantity of emulsion required exceeded the estimated quantity by more than 25 percent. In accordance with the specifications, the price for the additional emulsion was renegotiated.

(5) In order to meet most current electrical codes, it was necessary to install a battery-powered switch and wiring. This work was not shown on the plans.

The costs for Item 1 and a portion of Item 4 were based on contract unit prices. The balance of Item 4 was negotiated as provided in Subsection 3-2 of the contract specifications. The costs for Items 2, 3, and 5 were based on time and materials as provided in Subsection 3-3 of the contract specifications.

No additional working days were required because of these changes. However, the contractor was granted an additional 55 working days to allow the contractor additional time to obtain materials and begin the project.

Project Completion Date:

The contractor completed the project on December 6, 2005, in accordance with the plans and specifications.

In addition, the County and the contractor are currently negotiating the resolution of a claim submitted by the contractor. Rather than delay payment of the retention to the contractor for the completed work, pursuant to Section 7107 of the California Public Contract Code, we recommend that all retention be released.

Revised Contract Amount:

Original contract amount	\$5,458,770.00
Actual costs of changes in work previously approved by the Board	142,394.47
Changes in work authorized by the Director of Public Works	(46,357.66)
Deduction for overtime inspection	<u>(210.00)</u>
REVISED CONTRACT AMOUNT	<u>\$5,554,596.81</u>

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ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT  
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PROJECT ID NO. GME0000005, RETROFIT/REPLACEMENT OF UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANKS AND FUEL FACILITIES, GROUP 5 (in the vicinities of Agoura, Whittier, Pico Rivera, Malibu, Lake Hughes, Monrovia, Lancaster, Montebello, Littlerock, Los Angeles, La Verne, Compton, El Monte, Glendora, Mount Wilson, La Puente, and Hawthorne), All Supervisorial Districts

Contractor: Geo-Cal, Inc., P.O. Box 9493, San Bernardino, California 92427

Project Description:

Retrofit/replacement of underground storage tanks and fuel facilities.

Change in Work:

Fuel Management System Repair	\$268.04
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Description of Change:

Your Board previously approved a change in work for repairs to the existing Fuel Management System. The cost for this work exceeded the original estimate by the amount shown. The cost for this work was based on time and materials as provided in Subsection 3-3 of the contract specifications.

Project Completion Date:

The contractor completed the project on November 16, 2005, in accordance with the plans and specifications. The delay in forwarding this letter to your Board was due to the length of time required for the contractor to furnish the documentation necessary to close out the contract.

In addition, the contractor requested 12 hours of overtime inspection which resulted in a credit to the contract.

Final Contract Amount:

Original contract amount	\$2,056,100.00
Actual costs of changes in work previously approved by the Board	127,780.55
Change in work authorized by the Director of Public Works	268.04
Deduction for Overtime Inspection	<u>(630.00)</u>
FINAL CONTRACT AMOUNT	<u>\$2,183,518.59</u>

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